# Citizens' Associations of the District a Practical Power &

vent our getting a kindergarten next fall. made of more when they should be Still our people have not been entirely needed. without this grade of school for those in the park for three years.

We have been agitating the matter of a school building for several years, for while the new buildings at Takoma and overcrowded by the time that a new ciation age, but not in school), when it cannot provide for those who want to attend. It is a surprising fact that more than one-third of the schools in the District are half-day schools.

Secretary.

two successive years for the establish- to take action looking to the establishment of such a school. Two years ago ment of one of the branch libraries in this section as soon as it had been announced that money would be given for such a purpose if it would be accepted. At a mass meeting it was announced that the same will be the case next that four sites would be offered to the suburb will be an accomplished fact, where the case next that four sites would be offered to the suburb will be an accomplished fact, where the case next that four sites would be offered to the suburb will be an accomplished fact, where the case next that four sites would be offered to the suburb will be an accomplished fact, the letter precitedly a part with confidence of the school garyear. Yet we have been assured that committee for a selection, a few books only the lack of a proper room will pre-

We have been ever active along the who care to pay for the benefits, for there has been a private kindergarten in the rock for the benefits, for take credit to ourselves for the sidewalks, the trees, and the lights that are already along our streets.

The amount of money collected by our association for the celebration of the at Petworth have drawn from the Fourth of July last year was the largest Brightwood school, the latter will be amount collected by any citizens' asso

law, it is difficult to see how the District could accommodate 8,000 more pupils than it now has in its school of the second most of the results that have During the entire existence of the as could accommodate 8,000 more pupils than it now has in its schools (this being the number estimated of a school forts. He has spared neither time nor

Residents of Heights Found Everything to Do, and Have While it has given attention in particu-

Done Much-Still Hard at Work.

IN EAST WASHINGTON

BROKE NEW GROUND

Washington Heights Association for the purpose of securing muchneeded improvements for this part of Pennsylvania Avenue and the Bowen

mmodation was the impelling motive

mitted to the Commissioners who incorporated in their annual estimates to Congress an item for the purpose desig-

In due time an appropriation of \$26,000 was made by Congress, a site was purchased, and a four-room house erected which is claimed by the school authorities to be one of the best in the District

Were this the only achievement of the association it would abundantly justify organization of the association and hly repay the efforts exerted to ob-

More Water and Light.

N October 8, 1900, the first meet- ber 10, 1900, resolutions were adopted paving, and untiring even if unsuccessing was called of the East looking to the extension of the water ful efforts to get better street car serservice, the extension of gas street lamp service on the Bowen Road, and

The extension of the gas street lamps to the Suitland Road soon followed; that induced the organization, and the then a gas main was laid and street first motive made and adopted was to lights furnished on Pennsylvania Avenue appoint a committee to prepare and send and Branch Avenue, and finally a naphthe District Commissioners a communi-cation setting forth the school need and District line on the Walker and Suitland north of Florida Avenue and a portion urging that immediate efforts be made roads and along the Bowen Road as far to secure an appropriation for the pur- as Ridge Road. Now we are enjoying chase of a school site and erection of a a street lighting service as good as any suitable building.

> increase of police at the Anacostia substation and additional policemen at Good Hope and along the heights; a muchneeded patrol wagon at the Anacostia substation, and police patrol boxes at Good Hope and the intersection of the Suitland and Bowen Roads.
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> The latter, in addition to use by the

police, are at the service of the public in case of sickness or death, and have

Our association was one of the first Bridge, it regards the laying of the necting Harrison Street with Hamilton penses should not be deferred and crip- similarly situated, and has also secured facilities, uccess of the association in securing the current fiscal year.

making the latter practically a part of dening has met with cordial approval, as the city. This committee has been vigi- also the efforts to secure an advanced lant in looking after the repairs of the valary for the low-grade policeman pro-streets, and views with satisfaction the vided for in the appropriation bill for

### ASSOCIATION THRIVES IN CITY AND OUT OF IT

North Capitol and Eckington District Overlaps Municipal that now its citizens pay no more than Limits-Geographic Lines No Bar to Interest.

since then has exerted a forcible influence in presenting to the Commissioners lar to public improvements affecting more directly its own locality, especially vice, yet it has taken an active interest of the entire District.

It is somewhat unique in that its ter and partially in the northeast, being and being both urban and suburban, beto the south of it. This may account for the non-sectional character of its policy in public improvements, and for the liberality of views and principles lice, water, fire and lights, we have an which it has manifested and advocated ever since its organization.

In numerical strength it possibly exceeds that of any other citizens' association in the city, its present active

Many Streets Opened.

During the past year it has been active in advocating the opening of various been used several times in such emer-gencies to summon physicians and un-portion of the District has made neces-

THE North Capitol and Eckington, may be mentioned W Street to the west Citizens' Association was organ- of North Capitol Street, for which purized January 15, 1896, and ever raise it drafted a bill and had it introduced in the early part of the present

Congress. It has also had introduced bills for connecting S and T Streets, between of those streets already opened, which to increased school facilities, and street has become a public necessity because of the streets closed to the east of Eckington by the steam railroad terin matters affecting the general good the extension of Rhode Island Avenue from North Capitol Street eastward to Brentwood Road, as this is a main artery leading from the city in a northeasterly direction, so as to afford access to and from the city in that section of

It has also by its representatives appeared before the committees of Congress to urge appropriations for the paving of S. Quincy, Randolph, and T Streets adjacent to North Capitol Street, and for the paving of Lincoln Aver se from Q Street to a point beyond the Emery twelve-room public school building, located on Lincoln Avenue, north

An Eye to Larger Needs.

This association has also been insistent in advocacy of the principle that extraordinary improvements should be paid for by an advance from the United improvements should be completed at dertakers.

While the committee on railroads, while the committee on railroads, streets, roads, and bridges is unable to report a trolley line in operation with free transfers with the Capital Traction Company, at Pennsylvania Avenue to make imperative. Among the streets are company, at Pennsylvania Pennsylvania as the public necessities of that section make imperative. Among the streets are current improvements and ex-Association has been largely response. 

Since the first year offits existence if has persistently urged improved street car service and insisted that there should be a crosstown road connecting the eastern and western sections of the city at a northerly point; and of the street railway bills now pending it has urged the extension of the Capital Traction lines from Seventh and U Streets Avenue crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and the planking of the Carroll Street crossing of that road in Twining City; the relaying of the side walk along Avalon Terrace, Anacostia, the improvement of Smith Lane, conwill any other route, contending that M Street is too far south and too near the other car lines to best serve the public

extension of the baggage delivery serv-ice of the Union Transfer Company, so at large equally enjoy the benefits.

tracks upon the bridge as an important Road, and quite generous and satisfacroad can service.

Work Still to Do.

For the coming year it plans additional street paving which it insists its a statement by the president, as fol-section is entitled to; also an increase in lows: he police force and better pay for the policemen; increased mail facilities and ing of the streets; the extension of that every encountries streets so that citizens desiring to build the teachers.

"Next to the school we may extension which yard. It has insisted that this is the natural route for such a line, and will serve a greater number of people than the revenues from taxes increased by the added volume of taxable property; and the teachers. "Next to the school we may consider the important questions which have to and that these street extensions shall be paid for by the property directly benefited to the extent of the benefit conferred, and the balance by the Fed-fort along certain directions. The company of the conferred con eral Government and the District, share and share alike, as the Government ac-

WILLIAM G. HENDERSON.

### MEN OF TAKOMA PARK EAGER TO CO-OPERATE

Would Join Hands With Authorities Instead of Criticising one of the functions of associations such as ours should be to bring the people Them, and Limit Activities to Their Own District.

HE good that any citizens' asso- | for bringing about these very desirable

work. Takoma usually knows what she wants and goes about getting it in a business-like way. Our citizens do not expect to teach Congress or the District Commissioners how all the affairs of the community shall be carried on. We have our local needs, we know what they are, and when we ask for help in the proper way we usually get it. Much has been accomplished during the past year in the matter of making Takoma what she will always be-namely, one of the most desirable suburban places about Washington.

number of years on school matters, and the active interests of the council, many through its efforts has at last secured improvements have been made and are being contemplated. There is soon to being contemplated. There is soon to sociation to do everything in our power. ing needs of the community. There has just been completed a beautiful two-story structure, costing something over \$50,000. The school is provided with a corps of thoroughly efficient teachers and the people of the Park are gratified

The citizens' association has been active in securing a better lighting system, and now not only the Park, but the approaches thereto are well provided with lights. the earliest day possible and paid for by the people of today and those to follow them so as to be enjoyed by all and cational matters is so promising. It is paid for by all, and in order that neces- not too much to say that the Citizens'

Valuable Street Improvements. From time to time the association has called to the attention of the District Commissioners and the council of Takoma, Md., the special needs in the matter of the improvement of streets, but those in the District and adjacent walks, sewers, and lights. Through the territory as well. I wish, however, to active work of the association the town is now thoroughly provided with practi- does not care to be put in the position cally a complete sewerage system. Water is also available, so that from a sanitary point of view the cor

what she will always be—namely, one of the most desirable suburban piaces about Washington.

The association has been active for a number of years on school matters, and the active interests of the council, many the active interests of the council active i be put down about four miles of gran-olithic sidewalks on the Maryland side.

Policy for the Present Year

The policy of the association for the present year was recently set forth in

"In looking over the field of work that the coming year it seems to me needful prompter service for its locality; the placing of additional cars on the North Capitol and the City and Suburban the desirability of aiding and encourage the desirability of aiding and desirability of aidin Capitol and the City and Suburban street car lines, so that the patrons of those lines may be reasonably accommodated and be relieved to some extent of the discomfort and loss of time now experienced; the more frequent sweeping of the streets: the extension of the streets and the streets are suburban and the desirability of alding and encouraging in every way the upbuilding and advancement of our schools. We are just completing an excellent school building, with all modern facilities for instruction, and we should see to it that every encouragement is offered to

do with our own natural surroundings. improved by very little systematic effort along certain directions. The com-mittee on parks and parking will undoubtedly give these matters careful thought, and, I trust, will be able to bring about during the year much needed iraprovements which will add to the

beauty and comfort of our homes.
"Aside from those questions which have to do with the improvement of more or less public places, we think each citizen should endeavor to beautify his own home, so far as he is able. It is remarkable how much can be accom-plished in this direction by comparatively little effort, after the work is once

more closely together, and to this end I think the work of our efficient entertainment committee has been, and will be, of great service.

Not Running the District.

"It will be the policy of the association, so far as your president is con-cerned, to give due consideration to all brought before it, looking not only to the betterment of our own surroundings, but those in the District and adjacent eniphasize the fact that the association of attempting to dictate or say how the general affairs of the District shall be conducted. Personally, I believe that has many advantages over others even nearer to Washington proper.

Within the last year the District has graded and macadamized Carroll Ave- ing with might and main to advance in

and other affairs generally. however, should be along the lines of Transportation facilities have also received attention from the hands of the association. We have endeavored to cooperate with others along Brightwood Avenue to the end of securing better co-operation with the authorities who are responsible for the work, rather than in the direction of criticising them.

"B. T. GALLOWAY, "President."

#### Enthusiastic Inventor a Voluntary Prisoner

ACRIFICING liberty to inventiv a cell at police headquarters in Wichita, Kan., where he is perfecting an apparatus for recording telephonic conversation in the absence of the owner of the 'phone, says one of the Washa trip to the Kansas town

The one desire of Thomas' life is to working. Thought of it never leaves his mind. His days are spent with the prisoners who are refinishing the interior of the city building. When night core he hastens to his cell and his

Frank Thomas is a painter. Soon after his arrival he was at the police station. "Drunk" was written opposite

### Board and Lodging.

Imprisonment worried Thomas but little. When his time was up he went proposition. He said he would stay at Japs. the station and work for his board and a place to sleep. Permission to do that would give him an opportunity to work on his invention. Thomas is a good painter, and his service was thought to be worth what he asked. He was told that he might stay at the station as long as he would work.

Several nights ago Thomas sat at a rudely constructed little table in one of the detention cells, where a visitor called to see him. Prisoners lay on cots around him, but he seemed unaware of their presence. He was at every night since he came to Wichita.

incandescent light high above the inventor's head made the room little less than semi-dark. Thomas sat with heavy black cap coated with drops of paint was tipped forward on his

#### and his eyes His Invention.

'I am trying to invent something that owner is absent," said the inventor. long, bony fingers worked among numberless pieces of wood and

"If anyone calls while you are gone it will tell you when you come back. If the man who called said anything to it will be there waiting to say it-to you. All you will have to do is to take out your key and unlock a lit-

will be done by the power of vibration. That is a wonderful force, I have studieed vibration, and I am going to control it. I will focus it as you

can focus light with a lens. mas is a wanderer. He is at home where his head is uncovered. When he leaves one town for another he de-stroys or throws away the pieces of the wood and metal he has been working and starts anew when he lands

## How the Japanese Have Made Their Navy Especially They Have have warrant officers, 1,057; petty officers and men in the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of their ships, are commission to the imperial universities with the captains of ence of Others.

w OW have they done it? This is the question which all 1876. students of naval warfare ask perfect the instrument on which he is after learning of the superior personnel divided into two classes-first, naval offiof the Japanese navy.

Thoroughness is the motto of the Japanese naval officers, and thirty years' strict adherence to this motto the war between China and Japan and in the recent engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo that they are an I deserve to be ranked with British and American officers, who have the advantage of generations of sea fighting forefathers and traditions which are to Chief of Police Burt and made him a sadly lacking in the case of the little

> In thirty years Japan has learned figliting. In addition to appropriating all that is best in other navies, it has become a pioneer in the torpedo boat field and showed that it can create as well as imitate. To intelligence the Japanese officers have added patriotism. self-sacrifice, and contempt of death, These high principles have been imparted to the picked sons of Japanese subjects of all classes and the wisdom of the founders of the Japanese navy is shown by the record it has made against Russia, which was supposed to be a formidable sea power.

### The First Step.

The first important step taken by the imperial navy was the establishment of the Naval College at Tokyo in 1873 and man, or Russian. the employment until 1882, by permission of the British government, of a executive and engineering branches of the British fleet.

At the same time a few selected students were sent abroad, and during a had, at intervals, cadets training at our lege by the government. Annapolis Naval Academy. The high Japanese official who supplies the subbone of the present imperial navy."

and have trained a personnel that is final examination successfully.

After eight months sea cruising the

The officers of the imperial navy are holding relative ranks with naval offi-

The list of navai officers includes: Adyears' strict adherence to this motto mirals, vice admirals, rear admirals, has developed officers who showed in captains, commanders, lieutenants, sublieutenants, midshipmen, naval cadets, gunners, and boatswains. The grades of officers holding relative ranks are engineers, surgeons, paymasters, ordequaled by the personnel of few navies nance engineers, naval constructors, hydrographical engineers, carpenters, and bandmasters.

### The Naval Officers.

Naval cadets are appointed through ompetitive examinations which are open to the sons of all Japanese subjects. The entrance examination is at present practically everything the other great Japan, under supervision of the super-lege at Yokosuka and remains there intendent of the Naval College. The three years and four months. The stuumber of cadets required for the year of marine, and the requisition for prospective vacancies are made on the superintendent of the Naval College specified limit of time. The age of a candidate must not be

inder sixteen nor over twenty years, and they are divided into two groups. Candidates who have passed the course of the middle schools are examined in mathematics, Japanese composition English and Chinese, but a candidate who has not passed the middle school curriculum is examined in the following subjects: Japanese composition mathematics, English, Chinese, geography, history, physics, chemistry, and drawing, and if candidates desire they may also be examined in French. Ger-

All candidates have to pass a medical examination before they may go number of instructors drawn from the up for the competitive examination dets, and are ordered to join the Naval College at Yetajima, on the Inland Sea, near the Kure naval station. Traveling expenses to the Naval College are paid, period of nearly twenty years Japan and everything is provided at the col-

### Three Years' Course

The cadets remain in the Naval Colstance of this article declares that "the lege for three years, and are instructsystem of education was thorough and ed in seamanship, navigation, the higher substantial and has formed the back- try, gunnery, and torpedoes, steam engineering, etc. They are then appoint-

sloned as sub-lieutenants.

Promotions of naval officers are made Promotions of naval officers are made entirely by selection, and the list of candidates is decided by the board of admirals, which meets once a year. The proparalized at first, but were abolished in cight or members of the board number of the board of the board number of the board numb eight or nine, but when they sit to de- ful candidates join the paymaster traincide the list of promotions the minister ing school, receive a course of instruc of marine presides and the commanders tion for eight months, and after examiin chief of all naval stations, and of the nation are appointed to comm squadron, with the senior officers of ships for practical experience. After branches, such as engineers four months, if favorably recom different branches, such as engineers and medical corps, etc., are added. Officers that have been on duty for the number of years corresponding to the respective ranks set down are eligible ters, paymaster inspectors and paymasters, paymaster inspectors and paymasters. for nomination: Sub-lieutenants, one ter general. Paymasters are also appear; lieutenants (junior grade), two pointed from among the graduates of years; lieutenants, five years; commanthe imperial universities and those of ders, two years; captains (junior grade), the Higher Commercial School in Tokyo. two years; captains, two years; rear

#### admirals, three years. I'ngineer Officers.

The appointments of engineer students are made in the same manner as for appointment, and if successful in those of the naval cadets, but the age of candidates must not be under sixdent joins the Naval Engineers Colthree years and four months. The students go through a course of advanced and inspector general of naval construction. of steam engine, etc., and receive prac-tical training in the engineering workshops of the Yokosuka dock yard, and through the local authorities within a instruction in iron shipbuilding, marine engines and boilers, the use of the instruments employed in the engine room. and in the construction and working of electric lights and of the torpedo ma-

> Students passing successfully the final examination become probationary assistant engineers in the navy and are ap-pointed to a seagoing training ship, on board of which they receive practical After eight months of this training they are examined and commisioned as assistant engineers. The succeeding steps of promotion are by selection, as in the case of the executive officers, to the grade of engineer, chief and fleet engineer, inspector of ma- be qualified as gunnery or torpedo in-

Professional Examination Required. he navy are required to pass a profes-They remain there not less than one year, and, after passing at the college shipmen, provided they have passed the and have trained a personnel that is surely remarkable. The number of officers and men voted for the peace escape that personnel that ships writers are examined in what they have learned on board and transferred by selection and the grades are surgeons. The succeeding steps of promotion are have learned on board and transferred by selection and the grades are surgeons.

out the examination in science,

### Naval Constructors and Others.

Every year a certain number of the students in the Imperial University of Naval Architects can make application expense of the navy. On graduation they are appointed assistant naval conto naval constructor, chief inspector,

Ordnance engineers are appointed in the same manner as the naval constructors, or are drawn from naval officers and engineers, who often change into this branch by special appointment. Students are taught at the hydrographic office as hydrographic engineers the theory and practice of surveys, etc., and are appointed assistants after successful examination. They can reach the grade corresponding to the rank of captain (junior grade). As this profession can be performed by the naval officers, the continuation of this branch for the future is in doubt.

### Warrant Officers.

The warrant officers of the executive line are either gunners or boastwain's gunners or torpedo gunners, and must chinery, and, last, inspector general of structors before promotion. The nonexecutive branches holding relative perint ranks are engine room artificers, band- instr. Candidates for the medical branch of masters, carpenters, writers, and nurses. They are all promoted from the chief examination before they go up petty officers of their respective corps, for their competitive examinations. The latter include medicine, surgery, science, and modern languages. Successful cansurgeons in the navy and then join the Mayal Medical College for instruction. rank of sublicutenant. Chief warrant officers that have long and meritorious service receive the rank of lieutenants successfully, they are first appointed to the hospitals of different naval sta-Since 1883 the Japanese have conducted their own war schools of instruction their own war schools of instruction their own war schools of instruction shipmen, provided they have passed the when favorably recommended by the

tablishment of the imperial Japanese to commissioned ships, generally among staff and fleet surgeons, surgeon inspection of the imperial surgeons and eligibility for this

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nination depends upon the follow

Boys are trained in the barra the naval station for the firs nths and are then sent to training ships for at least two seamen and upward to the fig ners and torpedo men, and the of instruction: First, a cour men gunners; second, a cour nery instructors; third, recapi-

short course. The same method is follow pedo men and torpedo ins Stokers, carpenter's crew smith are brought up in ner as seamen and are periods of their service. for the education of petty officers, and me lines may, howev the naval offic

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lengths of sea service: Petty office Third class, one year as leading men; second class, one year as class petty officers; first class or petty officer, one and one-half year second class petty officers. Men-H officers, leading seamen or first men; able seamen or second class and ordinary seamen or third clas are examined in April and Oc Boys are examined in May and

when they are distributed am-ships of the fleet. From amo petty officers certain men are and examined to become sean ful candidates are trained at nery and torpedo training Yokosuka respectively. Fo Yokosuka respectively. For gunners there are three kinds